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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16,
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1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE
PRINCIPALS. E, M, AND C DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

FROM CHARLES W. ROBINSON

I ATTENDED THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING ON THE TAX BILL AND ON
THE SUGAR IMPORT ISSUE. SUGAR PRICES HAVE DROPPED PRECIP
TOUSLY TO UNDER NINE CENTS A POUND CREATING PROBLEMS FOR
THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY. I TOOK THE POSITION THAT AT THIS
STAGE WE SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND ACCELERATING A STUDY OF THE
PROBLEM BY THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION WHICH IS
ALREADY IN PROGRESS. HOWEVER, LABOR AND AGRICULTURE ARE
PUSHING FOR A TRIPLING OF THE IMPORT DUTY TO APPROXIMATELY
1.8 CENTS PER POUND. WE ANTICIPATE A PRESIDENTIAL DECISION
ON THIS SHORTLY.

I PRESENTED A SPEECH TO THE CONFERENCE BOARD IN NEW YORK

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CITY, SUBSTITUTING FOR YOU BEFORE THIS IMPORTANT BUSINESS

ORGANIZATION. I PRESENTED OUR BASIC THEME ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES TO THE MORE THAN 750 PARTICIPANTS BUT IT WAS CLEAR THAT YOU WERE SOLELY MISSED. I KNOW THAT THE CONFERENCE BOARD WOULD WELCOME A SPEECH FROM YOU ON NOVEMBER 18, THE DATE TO WHICH I HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED, AND I URGE THAT YOU GIVE THIS SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

FROM P - HABIB

1. BOB ELLSWORTH AND I TESTIFIED BEFORE THE HUMPHREY SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE F16 SALE TO IRAN. IT WAS A LONG, AND I BELIEVE USEFUL, SESSION IN WHICH WE GOT ACROSS THE IMPORTANCE OF IRAN AND THE ARMS SALE TO THE SENATORS PRESENT (JAVITS, CASE, AND PERCY IN ADDITION TO HUMPHREY). THEIR QUESTIONS WERE PREDICTABLE BUT THE OVERALL ATMOSPHERE OF THE SESSION WAS GOOD, AND I BELIEVE WE MADE SOME POINTS.

2. DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ISRAELIS ON AMOCO DRILLING IN THE GULF OF SUEZ BEGAN TODAY. I HAD REVIEWED OUR POSITION WITH NEA AND L IN THE MORNING AND MET PRIVATELY WITH EVRON AND DINITZ AND ATHERTON BEFORE PRESENTING MY OPENING REMARKS. FOLLOWING THE SESSION I MET AGAIN WITH NEA AND L TO REVIEW THE SITUATION. A FULL REPORT IS BEING SENT TO YOU.

3. IN ADDITION, I HOSTED THE LUNCHEON FOR CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER DIRECTOR PELAGHIAS.

FROM T - AMOS A. JORDAN, ACTING

CARL MAW DEPARTED FOR LIMA TODAY AT 1435.

WE HAVE DISPATCHED TODAY TO JACK SHAW A MEMORANDUM, WHICH CARL SIGNED BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, FORMALLY ASKING IGA TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT SURVEY OF THE INTER-AGENCY ORGANIZATION AND PROCESSES FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE. INCLUDED WITH THE MEMORANDUM IS A DETAILED STUDY PLAN PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO IGA TO ENSURE FOCUS UPON 9 AREAS OF

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MAJOR CONCERN. BOTH MEMORANDUM AND PLAN WERE DEVELOPED IN COORDINATION WITH IGA WHICH IS ALREADY GEARED UP TO UNDERTAKE THE SURVEY.

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